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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7834

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO ABU
DHABI

REF: STATE 145506; ABU DHABI 0835

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTS THAT CONTAINED
IN STATE 145506. OKADA EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR TOKYO
ON JULY 22 FOR TWO WEEKS CONSULTATIONS AND TO
ARRIVE IN ABU DHABI TWO-THREE WEEKS LATER. POST
HE WILL BE OPENING IS EXPECTED TO BE MANNED BY
THREE OFFICERS WITH POSSIBLE ADDITION OF FOURTH
OFFICER LATER.

2. ODAKA IS CONSIDERED AN ARABIST. HE SPENT THREE
YEARS IN CAIRO AS A YOUNG FOREIGN OFFICE STUDENT
FROM 1941-1944.

3. THE ODAKAS HAVE NO CHILDREN. MRS. ODAKA IS
QUITE UNHAPPY ABOUT THEIR PENDING ASSIGNMENT WHICH
HAS BEEN DESCRIBED TO HER BY EGYPTIAN FRIENDS IN
DEROGATORY TERMS. SHE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO REMAIN
IN CAIRO.

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4. EMBASSY CONTACT WITH ODAKA

HAS BEEN LIMITED. HE
HAS ATTENDED ONE OR TWO EMBASSY FUNCTIONS AND HAS
CALLED ON THE COUNSELOR. HE IS A FRIENDLY AND
ENGAGING INDIVIDUAL. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT IMPRESSED

US DURING HIS SIX MONTHS IN CAIRO AS A PARTICULARLY
ACTIVE INDIVIDUAL. EFFORTS TO ENGAGE HIM IN
CONVERSATION BEYOND SMALL TALK HAVE NOT RESULTED
IN ANY SIGNIFICANT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.
ALTHOUGH ODAKA SPEAKS ENGLISH, HE DOES NOT DO SO
PARTICULARLY WELL. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF
HIS RETICENCE.

5. MRS. ODAKA'S ENGLISH IS LIMITED. SHE CAN,
HOWEVER, CARRY ON A RUDIMENTARY CONVERSATION.
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